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## Grant funds officer at high school

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Staff writer

Van Buren Township parents and guardians concerned about child safety may feel more secure when a police officer starts walking a new beat in the halls of Belleville High School.

In a special meeting last week, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted to accept a \$125,000 School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

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This will be a pilot program for the high

school and the officer's responsibilities are not completely defined yet, according to Christopher Elg, Van Buren Township director of public safety. He said that the officer would be involved in truancy issues and as an extension of the D.A.R.E.

(Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

The special meeting was scheduled because the township had to respond to the federal government by Dec. 9 if it was going to use the grant money, according to Van Buren Township Supervisor Cindy King.

The Department of Justice offered the township \$250,000 for two officers, but the board decided to take only half the grant funding to lower the amount the township would be required to match.

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### Holiday marchers

Residents lined Main Street last Saturday to see children dressed up like Christmas trees and other magical creatures in the annual Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Photos by R. Alwood, Jr.



## Vote recount confirms Parrott as judge-elect

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A recount of votes cast in the race for 34th District Court judge did not change the results of the election by more than a few votes.

Wayne County election workers completed the recount of votes Monday and again declared David Parrott of Van Buren Township the winner, according to election officials.

David Glaab gained 19 votes in the recount, changing his total votes from 8,305 to 8,324, but Parrott gained 20 votes, moving from the original total of 8,484 to 8,504.

The totals gave Parrott a 180-vote lead over Glaab, according to election officials.

Glaab gained eight votes in the review of the Romulus absentee ballots and four votes in the recount of the Huron Township absentee ballots. He gained two in Van Buren Township absentee ballots. The remainder of the votes came from various precincts.

Parrott received an additional 10 votes in the recount of the



David Parrott

Romulus absentee ballots, according to Wayne County election officials.

Romulus election workers had problems counting absentee ballots on election night because many of them were folded on a name or filled out in pencil, according to Linda Choate, Romulus city clerk. She said she plans to work with election officials and the ballot printer to hopefully alleviate these problems prior to the next election.

"I think what Glaab did is give us confidence in our voting process," Parrott said. "It's a valuable exercise to go through every now and then."

## Airport officials need plan to capture parking dollars

Pam Fleming  
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Metropolitan Airport Authority may be forced to reduce parking rates and offer other incentives to help spur the lagging use of on-site parking at the airport, according to Angela Frakes, executive parking manager at Detroit Metro Airport. Members of the authority discussed the low parking usage at their Nov. 22 meeting at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. They also discussed the loss of revenue at the airport due to competition from off-site businesses.

Frakes said that a marketing plan should be put in place if the airport is to

gain a larger share of the parking market.

Revenue has been decreasing at the two new parking operations at the L.C. Smith/Berry Terminals and the McNamara Terminal since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. There are 8,000 parking spaces available at the Smith/Berry terminals and 11,500 spaces in the McNamara Terminal.

"Performance of parking revenues is down, and the one-day parking at the McNamara terminal is severely underutilized," Frakes said.

Long-term parking on the Big Blue Deck at the Smith/Berry terminals is \$3 for a half hour or less; \$5 for a half hour to an hour; \$6 for an hour to an hour and a half; \$7 for one and a half to two hours; \$10

for two to three hours and \$13 a day for three to 24 hours. Travelers can print out a coupon, however, on the airport Web site, [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com), and receive \$6 off the \$13 daily parking rate with a minimum stay of 24 hours. Frakes reported that there have been about 3,200 coupons redeemed since it became available online. Metro Airport also has a parking hotline at 1-800-642-1978.

"The goal of the coupon program was to be competitive with off-site parking areas," she said. One of the off-site lots, Park-N-Go off of I-94, for example, offers a daily rate of \$5.50, plus airport tax.

Economy parking on the red and green lots by the Smith/Berry terminals provides a daily flat rate of \$8. Short-term or hourly

parking on these surface lots costs \$3 for an half-hour or less; \$5 for a half-hour to an hour; \$6 for an hour to an hour and 15 minutes; \$7 for an hour and a half to two hours; and \$3 for each additional hour or less, with a daily maximum of \$25. Valet parking is a daily flat rate of \$26.

Frakes suggested that patrons receive the first 45 minutes of parking free in the short-term lot and then be charged the regular rate after that as a customer service gesture. The airport has 19,500 parking spaces. About 18,000 to 21,000 travelers require parking spaces each day, according to authority chairman Wayne Doran.

"We have the capacity on existing lots

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# Senior choir makes 'Magic' radio debut

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Members of the Westland Senior Choir reached their largest audience on Dec. 5 when they entertained thousands of listeners of the 105.1 Magic Morning Show.

Jim Harper and the rest of the Magic Morning Show crew broadcast from the Westland Center Thursday morning in a show designed to bolster community spirit and gather more toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

The Senior Choir, led by Robert Cassidy, hit the airwaves at about 7:30 a.m. They said they were excited about the opportunity, even though some of them weren't that familiar with the program.

"I don't listen to the radio, but

my daughter does," said choir member Sylvia Murto. "She turns it on at work, so I warned them that we might be singing."

The Senior Choir is based in the Westland Friendship Center, according to Cassidy. It has about 21 members who participate in community outreach programs, performing in nursing homes and at city events.

"We're always on the go," said Cassidy. "We just do it for the fun of it."

The senior department is an active one in the city. It has about 2,000 members, according to Director Peggy Ellenwood. Cassidy said the choir is a way that seniors can get involved and stay active, and he doesn't require previous experience from his singers.

"The thing about the choir is that only one or two of our mem-



Westland Senior Choir members (right to left): Velma Jenkins, Sylvia Murto, Helen Comstock and May Knoch were among those who sang on the 105.1 FM Magic Morning Show last Thursday. Photo by Scott Spielman

bers have been in a choir before," he said. "It's mostly made up of people who have always wanted to sing, but were never encouraged to. We believe everyone can sing."

The seniors weren't the only Westland group to fill the air-

waves with holiday cheer. Harper, a 1971 John Glenn High School graduate, also invited the John Glenn Singers to perform. The top-notch high school group, dressed to the nines in black tuxedos or flowing red dresses, were on the air just

after 8 a.m.

Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, who joined the seniors in their rendition of *Jingle Bells*, said she appreciated the invitation for both groups.

"I think it's a positive thing for the community," she said.

## Belleville Downtown Development Authority elects new officers

Pam Fleming  
Staff Writer

There were few changes in the guard in the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, which elected new officers at the Nov. 20 meeting.

Chairman Charles "Toby" Leis was re-elected to lead the organization. Local insurance-

business owner Duane Detlor, a new member of the authority, was named vice chairman at his very first meeting. Pat Danna will serve again as secretary, with Dave Brown re-elected as treasurer.

Anita Toews of the Architects Design Group Inc. recommended a re-bid on the new comfort station to be constructed at

Village Park. She said she would like to encourage local companies, and small companies, to bid the project. Toews suggested that the authority make it clear to bidding contractors that substitute products of equal value are acceptable, specify that products come from Midwest companies and revise some of the product selections to make

installation easier and reduce costs.

Toews anticipated that the bidding process would take place after the first of the year. "We will be looking for new bids and send invitations to local companies," said City Manager Steven Walters. If bids are too costly, the authority may use the city as contractor, he said.

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**Steven Walters**  
City Manager

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# Romulus firm helps Rouge River effort

Pam Fleming  
Staff writer

Sharon Granell, head of the Romulus Middle School science department, has announced a new three-prong school approach to improving water quality in the Rouge River watershed.

Grandell's first-hour class will work with employees from the GM Powertrain plant in Romulus and the Friends of the Rouge organization in a clean water project.

Lisa Parks, environmental engineer at the plant, presented the Friends of the Rouge with a check for \$1,900 to help fund the efforts by Grandell's class. Courtney Shosh, Friends of the Rouge educational project coordinator, and assistant coordinator Christina Baroli accepted the check.

*They make charts and graphs showing the presence of chemicals and present their findings to the Friends of the Rouge.*

Shosh and Baroli said that more than 80 schools are currently involved in obtaining and testing water samples from the Rouge River and tributary sites. Students analyze the water to determine percentages of key residues. They make charts and graphs showing the presence of chemicals and present their findings to the Friends of the Rouge.

The organization combines gathered information and seeks solutions to problem areas as they are discovered.



Those present for the GM Powertrain Romulus check presentation to the Friends of the Rouge included, left to right: Sharron Grandell, Romulus Middle School science department head; Courtney Shosh and Christina Bartoli, coordinator and assistant coordinator from Friends of the Rouge; Chris Powers, secondary administrative science strand leader and Romulus Middle School assistant principal; Gaye Warren, Romulus Middle School re-teacher and Lisa Parks, environmental engineer, GM Powertrain Romulus Engine Operations.

"Our students really look forward to working on this meaningful project, and they hope to make a difference working on our regional environmental con-

cerns," said Chris Powers with the Romulus School District. "The Romulus plant is proud to be a part of this environmentally sensitive project and looks

forward to further cooperation with the Romulus schools, working with senior high school students on their robotics program," Parks said.



Third-graders from Wick Elementary School in Romulus recently participated in a philanthropic learning project with staff from the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus. Students, left to right, Isiah Turner, Earl Smith and Charlemagne Peak check out Ronald McDonald and some of the 2,000 cookies made by the hotel staff that students decided to donate to the Ronald McDonald Houses at Children's Hospital in Detroit and Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Behind the students are Theresa Straub, Doubletree Hotel sales manager, and Larry Feeback, Doubletree Hotel general manager.

## Schools, hotel team up for charity

Patients at Children's Hospital in Detroit and Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor will receive some special treats this holiday season thanks to third-graders at Wick Elementary School in Romulus.

The students recently joined the staff of the Doubletree Hotel in Romulus in a special philanthropic learning project.

Third-graders selected the Ronald McDonald House at

Children's Hospital in Detroit and Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor to receive 2,000 of the famous Christie cookies made by hotel staff.

Ronald McDonald Houses accommodate families from distant locations while a young family member undergoes medical procedures.

Larry Feeback, general manager of the Doubletree Hotel, presented 15 boxes of cookies to Ronald McDonald

House representatives Cathie Burnett of Children's Hospital in Detroit and Dave McDowell of Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Kathy Hurst, Romulus District Schools service learning coordinator, and Joel Carr, superintendent of Romulus Schools, were also present for the cookie delivery. Hurst also gave each student a special T-shirt commemorating the occasion.

## Parking - Empty parking spaces means less revenue

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to park everybody. How do we achieve this objective?" he asked.

"We need to look at aggressive ways to provide parking. We're looking at projected revenue of more than \$20 million a year with only 65 to 75 percent usage rate. It's an economic opportunity," Doran said.

Frakes said that the airport has no marketing personnel and that what the airport needs is an

aggressive plan of action and the development of a long-term marketing plan to boost parking on on-site lots.

"We have 22,000 spaces out there, and we'd like to bill all of them. We need an outside consultant to help us develop our market," she said.

"We also need to work on signage to airport parking areas. That's why a lot of people park off site," said authority member Vernice Anthony.

"We're in competition with

those lots surrounding the airport. Let's get out there and kick some butt," Doran said. "You maximize your revenue by maximizing your occupancy. We're not utilizing our dormant assets. This is a serious issue."

Although on-site parking helps fund airport coffers, the City of Romulus receives revenue from the off-site parking lots but does not receive revenue from airport-owned lots, according to Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

## Grant - Federal funds pay for position

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Elg said the new school resource officer would provide law enforcement presence and be available to tackle dangerous situations, illegal activity in school parking lots, bicycle safety, problems on school buses and traffic around the campus.

"Since we haven't defined the job totally yet, we may have the officer go from school to school in the township," Elg said.

There are about 5,900 federally funded SROs across the country, according to Elg.

Several members of the community expressed their opinions about adding a police officer to the school system during the meeting.

"I'd like to see the money go to another community," said Eric LaCruze of Van Buren Township. "I think it's bad psychologically.

If I was a parent looking to move to this community, I wouldn't want to see a uniformed police officer in the schools. I don't think this presents an air of safety and security."

Maxine Heifner of Van Buren Township said, "They need to try to make the schools safer. I think the kids would feel safer if they knew an officer would be there if not one day, maybe another. I think the officer could bring back some of the respect that many of our kids have lost."

"I think this is a good opportunity," said Van Buren Township Treasurer Sharry Budd.

"The federal government has given us the chance to have this officer. We should use it. It will not take from the tax base and I think this is a good use of our forfeiture funds that are held in reserve for these types of programs."



## All lit up

A hearty group of Romulus residents braved the cold weather last Friday night for the annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. Cub Scout Pack 872 led the group in singing Christmas carols. Mayor Alan R. Lambert presented a key to the city to Santa, and special needs child Latisha Ware of Romulus flipped the official tree lighting switch with her grandmother, Mattie Hatten of Romulus. Leaving the stage after the ceremony are, left to right: Hatten, Lambert, Ware and 2002 Romulus High School Homecoming Queen Della Hamby. Photo by Pam Fleming



# Candlelight Walk is planned

Heather Connor  
Staff Writer

Candlelight will set the streets of downtown Northville aglow Friday night, where evening shoppers can search for holiday bargains during the seventh annual Candlelight Walk, sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association (NCBA).

Luminaries will line Main and Center streets and shop fronts will glow to create a festive atmosphere for late-night holiday shopping, according to Julie Fraser, president of the NCBA. Downtown merchants will be open from 6 to 11 p.m.

"Each store will have its unique spin on the holiday," Fraser said.

Free carriage rides will step off from Main Street at Comerica Bank. Carolers will stroll the streets to entertain shoppers, and Santa will greet visitors from 6 to 9 p.m. in his house near the gazebo on Main Street.

Fraser said the extra shopping hours

are good for business.

"It gives merchants an opportunity to showcase their products and services," she said.

Two other Northville groups also plan evening events downtown.

Northville hand-crafters will begin their sale in the community center on Main Street at 9 a.m. and will stay open until 9 p.m.

The Mothers Club of Northville is planning "All Aglow: Illumination for Education", a tree-lighting and fundraiser, at 6:30 p.m. near the gazebo.

Carol Poenisch, committee chair for the fundraiser, said donations for the tree were made in memory of loved ones whose names will appear in a display case near the tree. Proceeds will benefit children in the Northville public school district, according to Poenisch, who said the club funds "new and innovative ideas" for schools.

Poenisch said the public is welcome to attend the event.

## Nursery expansion plan OK'd

Wayne City Council members are hoping an action they took last week will help improve the look of the Michigan Avenue corridor.

Council members voted to sell city-owned lots on Michigan Avenue west of Hix Road to William Artman to facilitate the expansion of his landscaping business, Artman's Nursery.

The land is adjacent to the eastern portion of Artman's current property, which is on the south side of Michigan Avenue just east of the Canton Township border.

Artman will pay \$45,000 for the land, which is at the corner of Michigan and Grace Avenue. The deal is contingent on the purchase of two other plots of land that would allow the business to expand eastward to Hix Road, according to Peter McInerney, development director for the City of Wayne.

"This is actually good news for the city," he said.

The land only stretches back from the roadway about 110 feet, he said, including a vacated alley. Because it's such a long, narrow stretch of land, it's unlikely that it could be used for much else, according to McInerney.

He said that Artman would likely use the land to store shrubs, trees and other large landscaping items.

The expansion of the business and the planned use of the land would provide a buffer to the homes that abut the land to the south, he added.

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# Robotics team seeking funds for competition

Bryon Martin  
Staff Writer

Wouldn't it be nice if Bill Gates owed you one? Sure, he might be the world's foremost billionaire computer-genius today. But years ago, in the days before the information revolution and Microsoft, Bill was just another skinny kid in glasses with a science kit and an aptitude for math. He needed encouragement and support and a chance to prove his stuff.

In Plymouth and Canton Township, there are a handful of high school students looking for the same sort of boost. Members of the Lightning Robotics team at Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP) need corporate and individual sponsors to help them participate in the upcoming season of competitive robotic engineering.

The competition is organized through an international group "For Inspiring Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST). The FIRST robotics competition challenges teams of students and mentors to solve an engineering problem in six weeks. Each team receives the same kit of parts and a standard set of rules. Teams build robots from the parts and enter them in a series of competitions designed by Dean Kamen and Woodie Flowers. Kamen started FIRST in 1992 with a competition between 28 teams in a high school gymnasium. Today, the competition involves more than 650 teams in 17 regional events, and a championship event at Walt Disney World, where more than 20,000 students participate. Teams hail

from Canada, the United Kingdom, Brazil and most of the 50 states.

The FIRST board of directors boasts members from industry and academia, including Flowers, an engineering professor from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Paul Allaire, former chairman and CEO of Xerox Corp.

Andrew Radamis, a PCEP sophomore and member of Team Lightning, is working his way through Plymouth and Canton to find sponsors to support the team. According to a letter by Radamis, Team Lightning needs \$35,000 to compete in the 2002-2003 season.

The initial cost to register a team for the season and one event is \$5,000. That price includes manuals, rulebooks, technical support and a kit of parts for the first engineering problem. Each additional event costs \$4,000.

This year, each team will also receive a pre-season kit with ready-made parts they can use to warm up for upcoming competitions. Throughout the season, as the problems become more difficult, teams often must design and machine their own unique parts. Teams depend on local sponsors to provide equipment and materials for their projects. Last year, Team Lightning partnered with the Visteon plant on Sheldon Road.

During the first four years of competition, Team Lightning has entered two regional events and bids for the national event in the spring. This April, the national competition in Houston, TX will pit teams against one another in the "Super Bowl of Smarts" at Reliant Park, where the National Football

To find out more about participating with Team Lightning as a sponsor, mentor or student, contact Andrew Radamis by email at [info@lightningrobotics.com](mailto:info@lightningrobotics.com).

League will play a "Super Bowl" in 2004.

In addition to the tax deduction available for donations of cash, goods or services, Team Lightning offers a rewards program to show their appreciation, including publicizing sponsors at the various events and in local media.

But more than that, according to

Radamis, sponsors get the benefit of knowing they've helped to nurture young people and their education in a way that can shape careers. To find out more about participating with Team Lightning as a sponsor, mentor or student, contact Andrew Radamis by email at [info@lightningrobotics.com](mailto:info@lightningrobotics.com).

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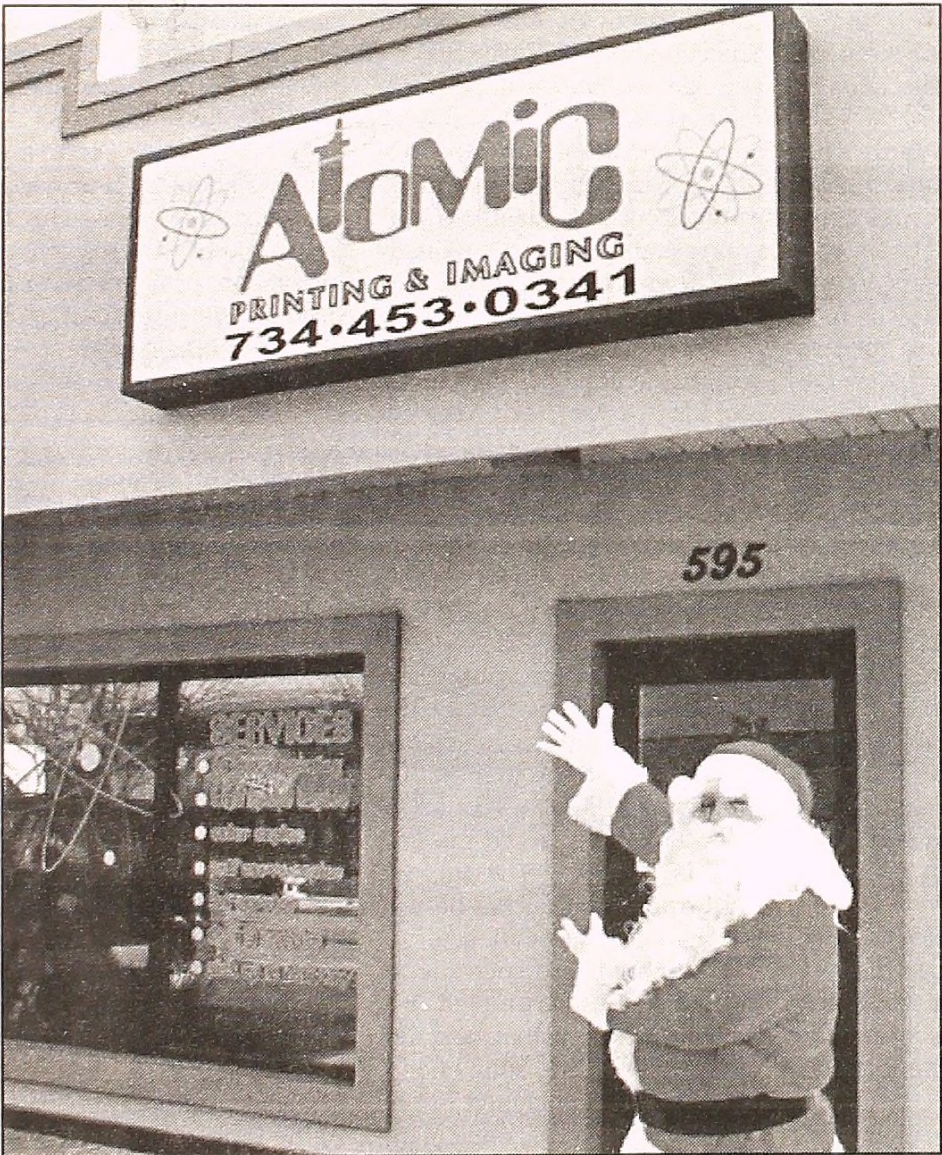
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### Jingle bones?

Santa helped Bentley, day manager at Fine Threads in Northville, with his new Jingle Bell collar when he stopped into the store searching for extra special presents for several gentlemen who requested clothing on their Christmas lists. Santa was impressed with the ongoing holiday sale where designer and famous name merchandise is on sale at 20 to 50 percent off. Storeowners, Mark and Annie Trudeau, have recently opened Bentley's Alterations in the shop where well-known seamstress Maria Ross provides services for men, women and children. The shop is located at 184 E. Main St. and is open from 9:30 until 5:30 Monday through Saturday and from noon until 4 p.m. Sundays until Christmas. Phone (248) 349-5097, although Bentley may not always be available.



# OPINION

## An excellent choice

Throughout his brief tenure as interim superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Jim Ryan exuded all the attributes we would want in a person heading up the school district. He's been efficient, professional, courteous and, above all, enthusiastic.

Virtually from the first day he was appointed, Ryan attacked the role with a seemingly inexhaustible energy supply.

He's promoted the district and the community as a whole and taken a hard line stance on issues like Central Middle School, where before there had only been conjecture and vague promises and plans. Part of that may be his desire to forestall the rumors that frequently resurface surrounding the historic but controversial site, but it's been an effective strategy and a more substantial one than we've seen in the past.

During the past six months he has managed to juggle the tasks involved with opening a new high school and formulating a plan for the future while remembering his place in the greater community and keeping his decisions in perspective.

And he has been accessible to the media, something that couldn't always be said about his two immediate predecessors. Oftentimes when members of our staff would comment to him on the quick turnaround between message left and call returned and give him a "Thanks for the call back," he would respond with a quick: "Thanks for taking it."

In short, he's taken a long-term approach to what was originally a short-term job.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members couldn't have made a better decision when they decided to remove the 'interim' title from Ryan's name plate and make him the long-term superintendent of the district. They did that Tuesday, following an official evaluation of Ryan's performance during a busy summer of building and planning projects. It stands to reason that if he could impress the board members so much during a probationary job period, he should respond even better to the added stability a long-term contract would bestow upon him, and the district.

It sounds like a corny, canned phrase, but the forthcoming years will be crucial ones in Plymouth and Canton and the portions of Westland the district serves. Faced with a growing population base and one of the lowest per-pupil funding allowances around, the district will continually face growth and budget-related problems. It's important to have someone at the helm who understands these issues, how they relate to the students and how they relate to the community in general.

It's hard to find any fault with the way Ryan has performed his role during the past six months. He's helped provide a steadying hand to a board that hasn't always seen eye to eye. He's maintained his excitement for a job that seems to have burned out his two immediate predecessors and he's held his own in a media-saturated town that is often critical of elected and appointed officials.

Ryan will need to tap that enthusiasm as the district embarks on another potential building project. It is, in fact, something we'd like to see more residents catch. We've seen glimpses of it during the recent public "visioning meetings" the district has hosted, even though most of the attendees have been people with a tangible connection to the schools — teachers and former teachers, board members, former board members and sports boosters. The fact that the school district will — or should — ask voters to approve a bond issue seems to be a foregone conclusion. If the district wants the public to buy into bond request, it will require the efforts of a group of enthusiastic school boosters and Ryan is the perfect choice to head them up.

The decision to secure Ryan to a long-term post is the right one for the district. The school board deserves credit for offering Ryan the job, and Ryan deserves a quick: "thanks for taking it."



## Barking up the wrong tree

It's hard to believe there is anyone in the Northville community that doesn't know there is a group of residents trying to establish an off-leash recreation area — or dog park — in Northville.

Members of the group have sported eye-catching t-shirts, populated booths at community events, given presentations to the Northville City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

They even descended on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process like, well, like a pack of dogs and had the plan incorporated into the master plan.

That's why I find fault with Northville City Councilman Kevin Hartshorne's declaration last week that the Parks and Recreation Department hadn't done a good job of notifying residents. He was talking about a proposal to use land behind the

Water Wheel Health Club for a park, and even the organizers of the Dog Park Committee admit that that is a second phase of the project, a phase that hadn't been solidified yet. They want to do a test on a temporary site behind the senior center before they pursue a permanent site.

Even if residents hadn't been notified, hadn't read a newspaper or paid attention to happenings at city or township hall or managed to avoid conversation with a dog park promoter, it's not something to beat up Parks and Recreation Director Traci Sincock about, anyway. It's not her plan; she and the department have done everything they've been asked to put forth the proposal. Sincock has enough to worry about with identified user groups and facilities that already exist or are closer to the drawing board.

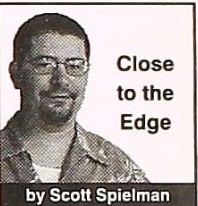
When I first heard about the proposal to put a dog park in the

Northville community, I was behind the idea. The more I think about it, though, the more I'm not so sure.

I initially didn't think people needed a separate area to exercise their pets. After all, what are front and back yards for? Don't the beautiful, tree-lined streets of this upscale community serve as a perfect backdrop for a leisurely stroll with a pet?

I'll continue to watch the debate and the test park, if that ever comes to fruition, with interest even though I doubt the park will ever find a permanent home in Northville Township.

It's hard to picture the trustees going for a project like that, when they're working hard toward developing a community-wide bike path that could be used by every resident, on foot, skates or bikes, alone, or with their furry friends.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Strumming a 12-string memory

The autumn sun hung low in the central Illinois sky. A shaggy-haired college sophomore crossed the street that separated campus from city. It was a Friday. His big date that evening would be a slice of pizza and a glass of beer and the intimate company of his schoolbooks.

A woman standing outside of a red brick church building called to him.

"There is a concert here tonight," she said when his eyes met hers. He stopped and asked who was playing. As if it really mattered to him. The girl was pretty.

"Bob Gibson," she said proudly. The youth flicked his hair out of his eyes. He never heard of the guy before. The price was right, though. Just a cup of coffee. And maybe the girl would come down and join him. Yeah, right, he thought.

He walked inside, down the stairs to where the basement became a coffeehouse. Two min-

utes and 50 cents later, he set a cardboard cup full of hot coffee on a small table and planted himself in a metal folding chair.

When asked later how many people were at the concert, the sophomore could not remember. Because when the man with a round face, full beard and mischievous eyes attacked the first chords of Cindy Dreams (of California), he felt like he was the only one in the audience.

He never heard such sound. Twelve strings, strummed in a "boom-chucka" rhythm, held him in their spell. The song ended. He must have applauded, but he only remembers the sound of the guitar and the tenor voice that accompanied it.

A ballad about lost love and youth, I Never Got To Know Her Very Well, was strummed in the same style and made the young man's jaw drop with its simplicity and pathos. Gibson played a similar ballad later on. Both were written by Shel Silverstein, but

Gibson sang them like autobiographies. The

second song, Living Legend, brought the sophomore to an important decision. He had to play the guitar. He had to make music. He had to play those songs.

For seven hours on the very next day, he walked the streets of Champaign and Urbana, searching garage sales until he found it. He picked up the beat up Harmony guitar. Its high E string was missing. It was pretty scratched up, too. Twenty dollars. As he looked it over, a woman said, "For five bucks, it's yours." Two minutes later, it was.

He tuned it to one chord and improvised another so he could play Michael Row The Boat Ashore, using Gibson's vocal harmonies. The following day, someone in the dorm tuned it the right



Hold the Phone

by Russ Franzen

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# This may be too much of a good thing

When is enough, enough?  
Last week the Canton Planning Commission approved a request for special land use for a Wendy's/Tim Horton's Restaurant to be built on Ford Road in front of Meijer's.  
Now, I realize it has been a few days since I drove this stretch of road, but the last time I looked there was already a Wendy's and a Tim Horton's restaurant on Ford Road. In fact, I know for certain that both of these establishments are located near Haggerty Road.  
Apparently the developer

feels that there is such a huge demand for frosties, fries and fried cakes in Canton, that it is critical that additional restaurants be added less than 5 miles from the existing ones.  
When I asked the developer if the older buildings would close, he told me no and stated that there was plenty of business in Canton for everyone.  
While I can agree that Canton is a growing community and I can understand why businesses flock to this area, I wonder if anybody has stopped to take a look at Ford Road recently.

Ford Road has every major fast food chain including McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Arby's. I know I am forgetting some, but I think you catch my drift.  
Then, once you are past the fast food signs, you can take a closer look at all of the "sit down" restaurants that line the strip. While not as convenient as the fast food restaurants, because (gasp) we actually have to get out of our car to eat, they are still a part of the landscape.  
I think it would almost be safe

to change the name from Ford Road to Fast Food Road.  
On one level, the planning commission and township officials have their hands tied because they can't just refuse a business a permit to open without a viable reason. But maybe it is time to look a bit closer at what can be done to restrict and limit businesses of that already flourish in abundance in the township.  
If township officials don't do something soon, I can see one of two things happening. The first would be that eventually all of

this growth will come to a halt and businesses will actually begin to compete for customers. Eventually some will be forced to close their doors, leaving behind empty eyesores.  
If that doesn't happen then township officials should beware. It won't be long before a group of overweight fast food junkies file a lawsuit blaming the township for their condition. The argument will be that they couldn't escape the temptation offered along this caloric highway.



## Memory

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way.  
The sophomore later took the old guitar and three chords to Chicago, where he played with a friend at open mike nights at some of the folk music clubs. He sang better than he played, but he did not care. He could play a guitar.  
Nearly 30 years has passed since the concert changed the man's life. He never saw Gibson, who died in 1996, in concert again. He bought his albums, though, and learned the songs.  
He read recently that Bluegrass legend Bill Monroe's estate was selling his mandolin. He thought of Gibson's melodious 12-string guitar. Where is it

now? Does it still make music? He thought about it as he sat in an overstuffed chair at a local coffeehouse, softly playing Living Legend on the house guitar that, that day, was missing a high E string.  
Thousands of people were influenced by Bob Gibson's guitar. Most, like the man, heard it once and had to learn how to do it themselves. Like most of us, Gibson probably did not realize how many lives are touched each day by the things we do. Some of the people he influenced, like Gordon Lightfoot and Bob Dylan, are famous. Many others play professionally. Most, the man thought, play for themselves. To hear the chords. To sing the songs. To bring pleasure and ease pain.  
He ran his hand along the

smooth wood, plucked the strings and heard one of the last songs Gibson recorded, I Hear America Singing. It was then that he knew. The instrument may have 12 strings or six or five. But any time that a person influenced by the old folk singer runs a pick or a thumb over those strings, that person is playing Bob Gibson's guitar.

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# Clowning around

## Retiree graduates from clown college

Pam Fleming  
Staff Writer

For some people, there comes a moment in life when it's time to start clowning around.

Take Alan Townsend of Romulus, for example.

Townsend, also known as Yo-Yo, made his debut as a professional clown last weekend in the Dec. 7 Christmas Parade in downtown Belleville. At age 56, Townsend is a member of the first graduating class of the new Clown Academy at

Wayne County Community College (WCCC).

Although his first public appearance as a clown came Nov. 23 in the Wyandotte Thanksgiving Parade, that performance was part of graduation exercises for Townsend and his nine classmates. So the Belleville parade was Townsend's first real performance.

Townsend says he decided to become a clown after remembering the antics of some of his fellow tool-and-die workers at a Ford Motor Co. plant in Dearborn. He retired about six years ago after 31 years with Ford.

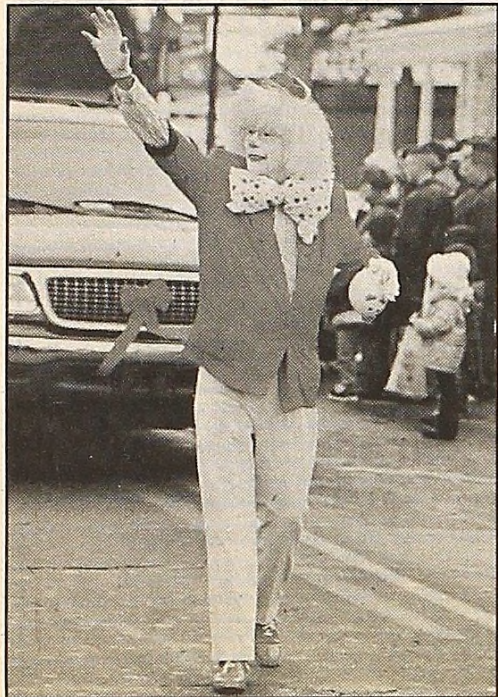
"About 12 years ago, a bunch of the guys from the plant went to clown school, and they'd show up at different company functions. Everybody loved it," Townsend recalled.

When Townsend read about the new Clown Academy at the WCCC downriver campus, he said he knew he'd found his new niche.

The academy is a new offering in the WCCC Outreach Program. Carol Ann Owens, who has worked as a clown for more than a decade, instructs students at the academy. She has also operated the Gotta Dance Production Studio for more than 25 years.

According to Townsend, Owens tells her students that being a clown requires many qualities, such as courage, compassion, childlike innocence and wonder, intellect and exaggeration. She reminds student clowns that, through humor, they have the power to cross barriers of race, religion, geography and age.

"She taught us to never make someone



Yo-Yo the Clown was a member of the first graduating class of the new Wayne County Community College Clown Academy.



Yo-Yo the Clown demonstrates some of the crowd involvement techniques mastered in the Clown Academy at Wayne County Community College where the Romulus man recently graduated. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

else the brunt of your joke, because the clown is the joke," he said. "And she always mentioned that you've got to have the three P's—practice, practice, practice."

Townsend said no one is ever too old to become a clown. One of his fellow graduates was 75 when she finished the program, which emphasizes collaboration between students.

"You make up your own costume, name and ideas, and then the other clowns in the class make suggestions," he said. "There's a lot of interaction in the group."

Learning new things is what Townsend likes to do, and his newfound clown training is just part of a varied repertoire of

skills. A former real estate agent, travel agent and residential homebuilder, he has used free time to study computers, Japanese and glass blowing at Greenfield Village. He's done some tin smithing, made neon signs and knows how to hook-and-latch a rug.

And now that he's a full-fledged clown, Townsend is eager for Yo-Yo's next public appearance. He said he plans to visit local hospitals and nursing homes in the future.

Until then, he can practice in front of private audiences with his two sons and three grandchildren.

"There's so much self-satisfaction. It's fun," he said. "And I'm making other people happy."

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Board Room Present: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance; Public Safety Director Elg, Secretary Cline and an audience of ten (10).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to reconsider for tile purpose of discussion accepting the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$250,000 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** About ninety minutes of discussion took place regarding the nature of the request before the Board, the purpose for the request, financial considerations and need. A few members of the audience addressed the Board both indicating a tack of support for the SRO program as well as support for SRO's to be in the Van Buren Public Schools. After everyone was given an opportunity to speak, a motion was made on the proposal before the Board.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to. approve accepting the United States Department of Justice School Resource Officer (SRO) grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of hiring one additional officer, which would bring the full time sworn personnel in the Department to a total of 35 officers, this SRO officer would be in addition to the [Drug Awareness, Resistance Education] DARE officer serving the school district, and further to designate Forfeiture Funds to meet the Van Buren Township match of \$53,000, as required by this grant., and to direct Director Elg to continue the pursuit of financial support from the District and the communities within the Van Buren Public School District. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hart, Payne, Budd and King. Nays: Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

Publish: December 12, 2002

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 11-19-02

#### Second reading of ordinance for adoption.

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, by repealing Chapter 22, Businesses; Article III- Dancers and Entertainers, Division I Generally and Division 2 Permit.

The Charter Township of Van Buren ordains:

The Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, is hereby amended by repealing Chapter 22, Article III, Divisions 1 and 2 in their entirety, with the same having been superceded and replaced by Ordinance Nos. 02-16-99, 02-16-99(2), 02-16-99(3), 02-16-99(4), 05-02-00, and 07-16-02.

Every word, sentence, clause and provision of this section is hereby declared to be severable, and if any word, sentence, clause, provision or part thereof is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

The provisions of any or all code sections or subparts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this section full force and effect.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

The provisions of this section shall become effective upon its passage by the Van Buren Charter Township Board of Trustees and upon publication in accordance with the Township Charter and the statutes of the State of Michigan.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on the 3rd day of December, 2002.

Yeas: Herman, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Jahr and King.

Nays: None.

Absent: Hart.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

Adopted: December 3, 2002  
Published: November 28, 2002 & December 12, 2002  
Effective: December 12, 2002



# Schoolcraft prepared for budget cuts

Bryon Martin  
Staff Writer

Cuts in state funding for higher education are trickling down to Schoolcraft College, but officials say this first round of reductions isn't as worrisome as what's to come.

Michigan lawmakers voted last week to roll back state aid to colleges and universities by 2.5 percent, as proposed by Gov. John Engler.

According to Schoolcraft spokesperson Marty Heator, the cuts will cost the community college \$318,000 this year.

That amount is just a drop in the \$51 million bucket that is the annual Schoolcraft budget, of which some \$12.7 million, or 25

percent, comes from the state, according to Heator.

"We knew the cuts were coming so we put the brakes on some spending," Heator said. "Now that we have a final figure, we can get more focused. We're reviewing options for additional cuts."

But even if the cuts are modest, Heator said, they are part of a pattern that schools are watching.

"This is part of a trend and it's that trend that really concerns us," he said. "We're looking to next year and a big state budget deficit. We're expecting bigger cuts in the next go 'round."

Heator said the current round of cuts will come out of the general operating fund. The seven-

member board of trustees will vote on the cuts at the next meeting, Jan. 7.

Heator said he was not sure if the school would rely on an increase in tuition to cope with the cuts anticipated next year.

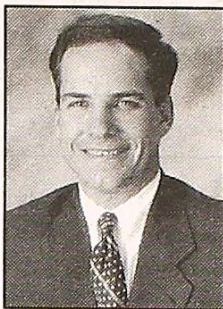
Schoolcraft enrolls about 32,000 students each year, according to Heator. Some 14,500 of those students take in traditional college courses, while the

remaining 18,000 pursue continuing education.

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## 'Northville Nite' celebration set

Northville Parks and Recreation officials are looking for a few partygoers and dedicated volunteers to ring in the new year in style at the sixth annual "Northville Nite" family New Year's Eve party, Dec. 31.

Tickets are now available for the event, which lasts from 5-9 p.m. in the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

According to Sue Taylor, coordinator of special events at Northville Parks and Recreation, about 1,000 people attended the sold-out event last year.

She said tickets will sell fast for this year and are only available in advance at the recreation center.

Taylor said the price of a ticket includes a meal and the chance to enjoy music, entertainment, crafts, traveling magicians, swimming in the center pool and an indoor carnival. She said Northville photographer Steve Fecht will shoot pictures of families and friends for a small fee, payable on site.

Taylor is also looking for volunteers to help coordinate the

event. She said she needs help from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the day of the event to help with ticket taking, games, family photos, food service and other activities.

Regular hours for the recreation center are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The office is closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 31.

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# Airport recycling efforts prove to be 'hot idea'

Pam Fleming  
Staff Writer

Officials at Detroit Metro Airport say new "green" features at the airport have led to big gains in their efforts to contain used deicing fluid and airport spending on disposal of the chemicals.

In a recent statement, officials said airport workers caught and hauled away more than 230,000 gallons of aircraft deicing fluid from new runway-end deicing pads on Dec. 2.

From this runoff, about 63,000 gallons of pure propylene glycol will be recovered for re-use in other industrial applications. This is more than twice the amount of propylene glycol ever harvested in a single day at the airport.

Detroit Metro Airport leads the world in recycling deicing fluid, according to airport officials.

Before the deicing pads were built, crews sprayed down planes with deicing fluid while they sat at the terminal gates. The spent fluid ran down drains and into a retention pond that discharges to the Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment Plant. Officials say Detroit Metro paid as much as \$1.5 million per year in treatment costs and sewer flowage fees.

Since the airport began to deice planes at specially designed pads, the fluid collected has been more concentrated and valuable to recyclers. Harvesting, distilling and recycling the runoff is now economi-

cally feasible, according to airport officials.

"The airport's environmental team and the airlines, led by Northwest, have worked together on the design, construction and operation of the three runway-end deicing stations," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Airport Authority. "A fourth is under construction and will open for business this month, assuring that DTW will maintain its position as the world's best airport for capturing and recycling spent deicing fluid."

The environmental appeal is apparent, but officials say runway-end deicing also improves air travel safety. Planes deiced at gates may require a long taxi to the runway. During this time, additional snow or ice can adhere to aircraft control surfaces. Planes deiced at runway ends can depart more quickly.

Airlines also find the runway-end deicing more efficient. Departing aircraft loaded at the gates can head directly to the deicing pads, leaving those gates available for arriving planes.

The airport has contracted the Romulus-based Environmental Quality Company (EQ) to harvest deicing fluid runoff.

"EQ has been active in assisting airports across the United States with the management of spent deicing fluid for the past several years," said Todd Brinkel, EQ project manager at Metro.

"Everybody wins with these new state-



Detroit Metro Airport broke a record last week when the Romulus-based Environmental Quality Company (EQ) harvested more than 230,000 gallons of aircraft deicing fluid runoff on the three runway-end deicing pads in one day. From this runoff, 63,000 gallons of propylene glycol was recovered for re-use in other industrial applications.

of-the-art deicing pads," said Bryan Wagoner, the airport environmental administrator. "The FAA and the airlines recognize the safety and efficiency bene-

fits, while the airport saves money on treatment costs. A local company is providing jobs, and the reduced load on the treatment plant is better for the environment."

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## CITY OF INKSTER MEETING ABSTRACT

THE City Council met at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, November 18, 2002. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman James. CONSENT Calendar items approved: 10-24 (S); 11-4 (R); 11-6 (S) and \$98,143.92 for Pension Payroll. Certificates of Appreciation to Inkster High School students. APPROVED: \$11,734.00 to Milton Spokojny; solicitation of sealed bids for asbestos removal; awarded contact to Webster Collision - \$2,010.58; R&R Fire Truck Repair - \$3,500.00; property exchange and sale of property to Jessie Shelby; sale of 27069 Penn - Michael Broadnax; obtaining legal opinion regarding benefits for former elected officials; letter of support for the DDA Greenways Grant; proclaiming November 2002, National Family Caregivers Month. MEETING adjourned at 9:38 p.m. (Full text available upon request).

Ms. Kimberly Turner  
Inkster City Clerk

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## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2002-34 DECEMBER 3, 2002

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Haidous, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Kelly, Shackelford, Hartford. Member Absent: Dickerson excused. Approved minutes of Regular meeting of November 19, 2002. APPROVED: transfers of SDM-SDD licensed business located at 4308 S. Wayne Rd. and Class C licensed business located at 36900 Michigan Ave.; appointment of Donald Hartford as Liaison to the Citizens Adv. Council for Housing and Comm. Devel. Act Projs., Planning Comm., Zoning Board of Appeals, Alt. to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and to the Wayne County CDBG Program Advisory Council; resolutions opposing HB 6380 & revenue sharing cuts; sale of City-owned vacant land, Lots 11-15 of Louis Savage Garfield Park Sub & payment of real estate commission; payment, on an emergency basis, for hot water boiler for Comm. Center & Ice Arena; contract with Mid-American Shows to provide carnival for Wheelfest 2003; payment, on an emergency basis, for repairs to the State Wayne Theater roof. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Mary E. Carney  
City Clerk

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Qualified invited Bidders, upon payment of \$25.00 deposit, may obtain bidding document from the office of the Architect consisting of two (2) sets of Drawings and Specifications.

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Bidder should visit the existing school buildings, examine, and verify conditions under which their work must be conducted, before submitting proposal.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of thirty (30) days after date for receipt of bids.

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The Right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

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# Employee charged with embezzlement

Scott Spielman  
Editor

A 20-year old Canton Township resident will face a preliminary court examination today on charges that he embezzled more than \$2,500 from the JC Penney store at the Westland Center.

Westland Police Lt. Mark Stobbe said loss prevention officers at JC Penney reported the alleged theft last week. The man, Christian Michael Bergsma, was a recent hire who worked in the children's department, he said.

Elaine Walsh, a senior loss prevention officer at the store, told police she discovered an unusual amount of refund activity attributed to Bergsma while she ran a routine check.

An investigation showed that the names, addresses and phone numbers on 15 refund slips, which totaled about \$2,780, were all fake, according to police reports.

Police Sgt. David Heater, who investi-

gated the allegations, said Bergsma told him he was a military police officer on inactive reserve from the U.S. Air Force and he had a security police badge, a pair of handcuffs and a military identification card on his person that showed he was an active member of the Air Force.

When Heater called the Air Force security police at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, however, the staff sergeant there told him that, while Bergsma had been in the Air Force, he had never been a security officer. He also told Heater that the subject had been discharged from the military and spent time incarcerated on a larceny conviction while he was in the service. Heater confiscated the badge, military identification and handcuffs.

Stobbe said Bergsma was charged with one count of embezzlement over \$1,000, a five-year felony. He is scheduled for a 9 a.m. preliminary court examination today in front of Judge Gail McKnight at the 18th District Court in Westland.

## Liquor license transfer OK'd

A long-troubled nightspot in the City of Westland will soon see new life and the pulsing bass and flashing swirl of lights will be replaced by the southern twang of country and western music.

The site is the former High Voltage nightclub, which is located at 450 South Merriman, according to Bruce Thompson, planning director for the city.

Frank Alessandrini, a Westland resident and owner of Frankie's on Ford Road, petitioned the city council last week for a transfer of a liquor license and requested a new entertainment permit for the facility, the first step in revitalizing the business.

Council members approved the request

to transfer the liquor license, but denied the entertainment permit request, primarily because of objections from the police department. Chief Emery Price, in his memo to Mayor Sandra Cicirelli, said he wasn't comfortable with allowing the permit at that location. He included a nine-page list of incidents that required police intervention at that location dating back two years, including numerous assault complaints, drug complaints, disorderly conducts complaints as well as several general alarm runs and liquor license checks.

"We've had numerous problems with that site in the past," said Westland City Councilman James Godbout.

## Foundation concert is tonight

The Westland Community Foundation is working with several groups to help provide Christmas cheer to needy families.

The foundation is planning a holiday concert tonight that features the Canton Chamber Orchestra, a section of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, according to Glenn Shaw, executive director of the community foundation.

The concert starts at 6 p.m. with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres - provided by the

culinary arts program at the school district - in the media center at John Glenn High School. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in the newly renovated auditorium.

The concert is free, however, a gift of an unwrapped toy or toys to be donated to the Westland Salvation Army would be appreciated, according to Shaw. Business or casually elegant attire is suggested.

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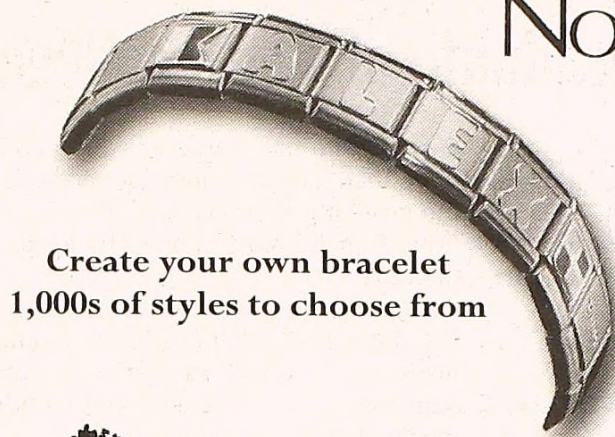
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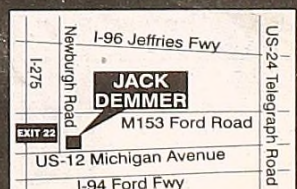
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# Clowning around

## Local man is graduate of clown college

Pam Flemming  
Staff Writer

For some people, there comes a moment in life when it's time to start clowning around.

Take Alan Townsend of Romulus, for example.

Townsend, also known as Yo-Yo, made his debut as a professional clown last weekend in the Dec. 7 Christmas Parade in downtown Belleville. At age 56, Townsend is a member of the first graduating class of the new Clown Academy at Wayne County Community College (WCCC).

Although his first public appearance as a clown came Nov. 23 in the Wyandotte Thanksgiving Parade, that performance was part of graduation exercises for Townsend and his nine classmates. So the Belleville parade was Townsend's first real performance.

Townsend says he decided to become a clown after remembering the antics of some of his fellow tool-and-die workers at a Ford Motor Co. plant in Dearborn. He retired about six years ago after 31 years with Ford.

"About 12 years ago, a bunch of the guys from the plant went to clown school, and they'd show up at different company functions. Everybody loved it," Townsend recalled.

When Townsend read about the new Clown Academy at the WCCC downriver campus, he said he knew he'd found his new niche.

The academy is a new offering in the WCCC Outreach Program. Carol Ann

Owens, who has worked as a clown for more than a decade, instructs students at the academy. She has also operated the Gotta Dance Production Studio for more than 25 years.

According to Townsend, Owens tells her students that being a clown requires many qualities, such as courage, compassion, childlike innocence and wonder, intellect and exaggeration.

"She taught us to never make someone else the brunt of your joke, because the clown is the joke," he said. "And she always mentioned that you've got to have the three P's—practice, practice, practice."

Townsend said you're never too old to become a clown. One of his fellow graduates was 75 when she finished the program, which emphasizes collaboration.

Learning new things is what Townsend likes to do, and his newfound clown training is just part of a varied repertoire of skills. A former real estate agent, travel agent and residential homebuilder, he has used free time to study computers, Japanese and glass blowing at Greenfield Village. He's done some tin smithing, made neon signs and knows how to hook-and-latch a rug.

And now that he's a full-fledged clown, Townsend is eager for Yo-Yo's next public appearance. He said he plans to visit local hospitals and nursing homes in the future.

Until then, he can practice in front of private audiences with his two sons and three grandchildren.

"There's so much self-satisfaction. It's fun," he said. "And I'm making other people happy."



Yo-yo the clown, also known as Alan Townsend, delights children at the Wyandotte Christmas Parade last week.

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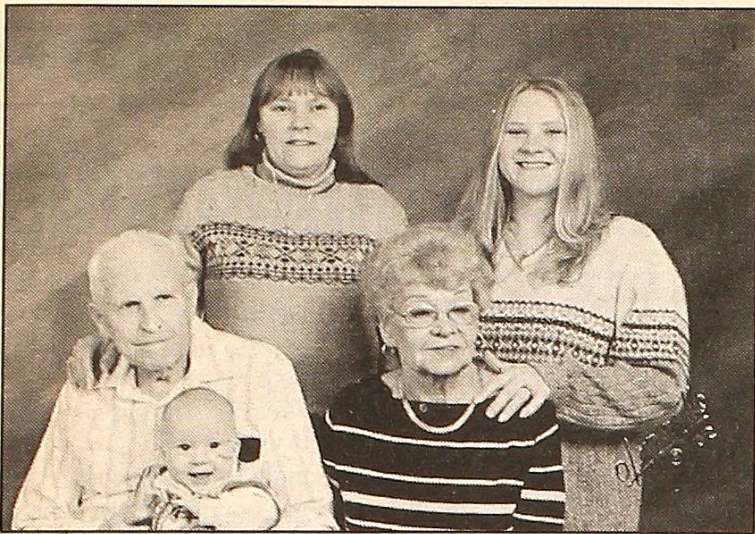
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### Family gathering

Five generations of the George Edward Cardwell family gathered recently for a family photo. In front is patriarch Cardwell, 92, of Novi holding Kyle Alan Evensen-Williams, 5 months of age. In back is Nancy Cardwell Miller of Westland and Michelle Miller Evensen of Romulus and, in front, Jennifer Evensen of Romulus.

## Westland road salt costs reduced

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Some city costs may be going up, but others are going down.

That's what the Westland City Council learned last week when they accepted a bid for road salt that will help Department of Public Services workers keep Westland roads free from snow and ice.

The council accepted a bid last week of \$26.51 per ton, which is nearly half of what the city is

paid for road salt last year, according to Controller Dwayne Harrigan. Last year the city paid \$45.74 per ton.

Depending on the amount of salt used, the city stands to save up to \$96,000 over last year, according to Councilman Dennis LeMaitre.

"That's a significant savings to the city," he said.

The cost savings comes at important time for the city, which had to cut the annual leaf collection services in half to help cut

costs and maintain a balanced budget.

City Finance Director Tim McCurley said the city learned last week that Westland would receive about \$350,000 less in state shared revenues than anticipated. The cuts came from an executive order put forth last week by Gov. John Engler that cut state-shared revenues an addition 3.5 percent for all municipalities.

"We're all talking about tightening our belts again," he said.

## Local student joins college honors program

Sarah R. Grammel, a first-year student at Albion College, has been accepted into the Honors Institute and the school.

Grammel is the daughter of David and Debra Grammel of

Canton Township.

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# SPORTS

## Second half carries Inkster to state championship

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Lady Vikings of Inkster High School completed their storybook season on a high note Saturday, when they defeated the St. Ignace Saints, 74-51 to claim the State Championship for Class C schools.

The girls traveled to Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday for the final tournament, according to Inkster Coach and Athletic Director Dave Mann. Accompanied by caravan of fans, marching bands members and parents, the team was given a star treatment at Rose Arena at Central Michigan University.

"We had a real nice crowd," Mann said. "It was a lot of fun."

Jessica Jones perhaps summed up the feeling before the semi-final game against Kalamazoo Christian. She took in the expansive locker rooms, complete with a coach and a wide-screen television, and said she felt like a star.

Mann said any fears he had that the glitzy reception would interfere with their ability to play ball were quickly put to rest. The Vikings topped Kalamazoo 55-39 in the semi-final with a strong effort from Carena Easley, who had 10 points, Brittany Evans, who scored nine points and Laelah Qawee, who scored nine points.

That set up Saturday's game for all the marbles. Mann said he knew the Vikings faced a challenge in St. Ignace - after all, they wouldn't have made it that far in the post season if they weren't a solid team.

"When you start making your shots, you get a lot of adrenaline going. The defense fed off that. We were really focused."

**Coach Dave Mann**

"It wasn't like we were going to put them away easily," he said. And they didn't, at first.

The Vikings came out strong, and won the first quarter, 15-7. The Saints battled back during the second frame with a 14-7 run in the second and narrowed the Vikings lead to one point, 22-21 at half-time.

The second half is where the Vikings really poured in on, according to Mann.

"The kids really started to play aggressively," he said. They came out and started shooting the ball well."

The Lady Vikings took the momentum and surged ahead with a 27-point third quarter. They put up 25 points in the fourth and the defense clamped down, allowing only 30 points in the last two frames to seal the win.

"When you start making your shots, you get a lot of adrenaline going," Mann said. "The defense fed off that. We were really focused."

Evans led the team with 17 points. Khadigrian Murphy contributed 15 points. Easley put up 14 points and brought back 13 rebounds. Qawee had eight points and

six steals and Tiffany Smith contributed eight points and seven assists.

Mann said the Lady Vikings also had a strong showing from Tiffany Smith, who

was injured during the district tournament. She accelerated her rehabilitation, walking through the pool to try and be ready to contribute.

She didn't start, but still put six points toward the final score.

Mann said the win was a good one for the girls, and the community in general, which hadn't received much good news lately about its school system.

"This has been our goal all year," he said. The celebration didn't end Saturday

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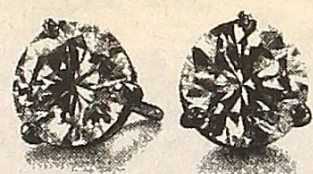
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# Rocks blank Western, 11-0

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Salem Rocks mens' hockey team continued their attack on the early part of the season last week when they traveled to Walled Lake Western.

The Rocks decimated the Warriors behind a well-balanced scoring attack that saw eight different players tally in an 11-0 win, according to Salem Coach Fred Feiler.

There wasn't too much doubt in this one, according to Feiler, whose team is 6-0 on the year. The Rocks built up to a 6-0 lead in the first period and never looked back.

Rob Quigley put the Rocks on the board and was soon followed by tallies from John Schultz, two goals from David Gill, Bryan Young, and Cameron Schambre.

Feiler said the Rocks scored about minute into the game, and then every one or two minutes after that.

"We just put pressure on them and our forward line established a good offense," he said. "Everything went right."

Young added two more goals in the second period to earn the hat trick. Sean Leaym, Michael Maurer and Adam

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*We just put pressure on them and our forward line established a good offense.*

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**Salem Coach Fred Feiler**

Gullikin also tallied for the Rocks.

"The scoring got spread around pretty good," Feiler said.

The Rocks were able to put up big offensive numbers even though they were short handed, according to Feiler.

The Rocks travel to Eddie Edgar Arena to take on the Stevenson Spartans on Wednesday and return to their home arena, the Plymouth Cultural Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 to host the Chelsea Bulldogs.

Feiler said he's impressed with the new digs at the Cultural Center, which underwent expansion during the summer. The extra room gave the Rocks more space to store their gear and a regular place to pay.

"They did a good job with it," he said. "It's nice have a place where you can call home."

# Vikings - Win good for community, students

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night, either, when he said a call from Mayor Hilliard Hampton felt like a call from the president.

The team will also be featured on an upcoming edition of State Champs, which airs on NBC on Sunday mornings. Members of the television crew arrived at Inkster High School at 10 a.m. on

Wednesday to present the team with the Spirit Award.

School Principal Cleaster Jackson said he was proud of the team.

"Our girls are awesome," Jackson said. "They have heart, they have dedication and they are smart." 10 team members are honor roll students and Evans boasts a 3.94 GPA.

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# Chiefs hockey squad suffers through rough week

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Canton Chiefs men's hockey team suffered through a rough week, when they dropped both their games to drop to an even .500.

The Chiefs, now 3-3 on the year, dropped games to Churchill on Wednesday and St. Mary's High School on Friday, according to Canton Coach Dan Abraham.

"The games just didn't go our way," he said. "They exposed some weaknesses that we need to change."

Friday it was a late goal that spelled the doom for the Chiefs. Behind 1-0 going into the third period, St. Mary's rallied and at the :55 mark, scored the winning goal.

"It was a hard game to lose," said Abraham. "But we had some time to change after the loss to Churchill, and we responded well."

The Chiefs got on the board first when Matt Gabriel tallied on a solo shot at the 1:41 mark of the second period. The lead held up for the rest of the period and Canton took the 1-0 lead into the third.

St. Mary's scored two unanswered goals in the first part of the period to take the lead. It was Aaron Jeffrey and Eric Roman who tallied for St. Mary's.

"They kept coming at us, and we didn't

*"If we approach the upcoming games the way we did the last one, we should be successful."*

*I'm encouraged that we're on the right track.*

**Canton Coach Dan Abraham**

respond too well," Abraham said.

The Chiefs weren't done yet, though. Greg Kubert took a feed from Dave Commiskey and Matt Oliver and made it good to tie the game at the 6:59 mark.

The late goal deflated the Chiefs, but Abraham said he still felt it was a solid effort.

"They were big and fast," he said. "It's a good team, and we matched up well against them."

The Chiefs took on Walled Lake Central last night, but the outcome of the game wasn't known at press time. They host Franklin High School tomorrow at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton Township, where they play their home games. The game starts at 6 p.m.

"We need to learn something from every game, whether we win or lose," Abraham said. "If we approach the upcoming games the way we did the last one, we should be successful. I'm encouraged that we're on the right track."

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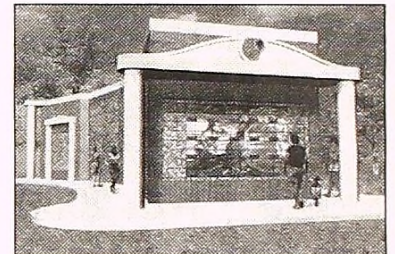
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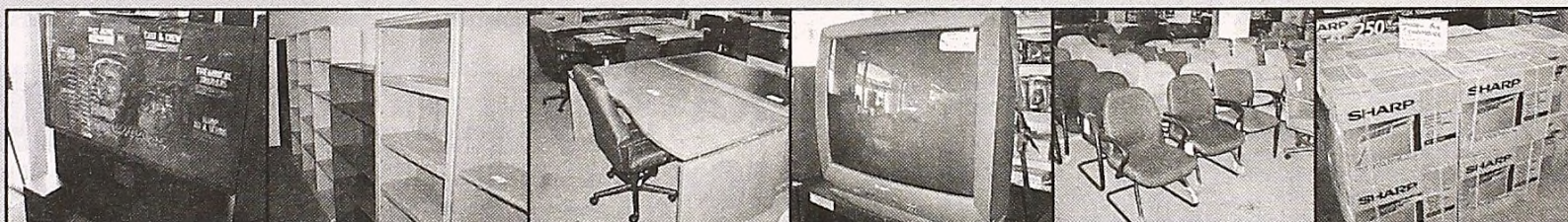
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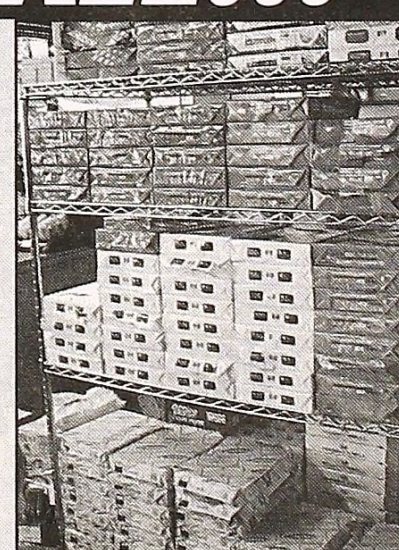


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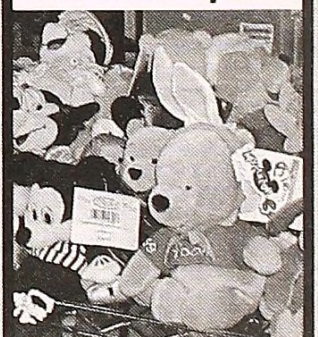


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## Whalers' unbeaten streak puts Plymouth in 1st place in the West

Scott Spielman  
Editor

The Plymouth Whalers last week wrested sole possession of first place last week in the Western Division of the Ontario Hockey League.

Their win on Dec. 5 over the Windsor Spitfires, coupled with a Sarnia loss that night moved them into the top spot and the Whalers have won two more games since then. They are unbeaten in their last 11 games.

### Whalers 5, Sault Ste. Marie 3

Chad LaRose and Ryan Ramsay paced the Whalers with two goals apiece Saturday night. Ramsay scored less than a minute into the game and the Whalers didn't look back. Cole Jarrett also tallied in the win.

Ramsay also scored what turned out to be the winning goal for the Whalers. That came with 56 seconds left in the second period.

### Whalers 3, Saginaw 0

Jeff Weber earned the win for the Whalers on Friday and the Whalers killed seven power play opportunities in the win. The loss was Saginaw's ninth in a row.

Tim Sestito provided most of the offense for the Whalers. He tallied twice in the win. Jarrett also tallied for the Whalers.

### Whalers 3, Windsor 2

The Windsor Spitfires were riding an eight-game win streak Thursday when the Plymouth Whalers came to town. The Whalers didn't pay much attention to that, though, as they topped their cross-river rivals with help from a strong performance from Jarrett. He tallied once and added an assist in the win.

John Mitchell put the Whalers on the board in the first period when he converted on a power play at the 5:07 mark. Jimmy Gagnon broke a 1-1 tie in favor of the Whalers less than two minutes after the second period started.

Paul Drew turned aside 29 shots to earn the victory.

The Whalers are now 20-6-3-1 on the year, with 44 points and a widening, three-point lead over second place Sarnia. Individual players continue to rack up accolades, as well. Jarrett was selected as the Defenseman of the Month for the OHL and Canton native James Wisniewski was named to the U.S. Junior Championship Squad.

The Whalers on the road until Saturday, Dec. 28 when they host the Spitfires at 7:30. Whaler fans won't have to wait that long to see their team play, however, the Dec. 27 game against the Saginaw Spirit will be broadcast on FOX Sports Net. The 7:30 p.m. game will bring Whaler hockey to about three million viewers.



The Plymouth Whalers are unbeaten in their last 11 games. Their next home game is Dec. 28 against the Windsor Spitfires.

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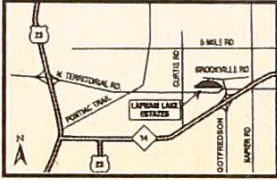
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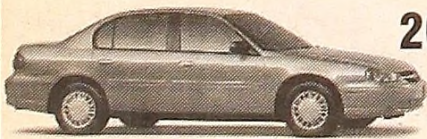
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Cell 4 Construction

Sealed proposals for the Huron Monofill Cell 4 Construction Project are invited and will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time, January 6, 2002 at the offices of EMCON/OWT, Inc., 14155 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

**Project Description:** The Cell 4 Construction project will involve the construction a 5.5 acre double composite lined landfill cell and enclosing a portion of the Wagner and Pink Drain. The cell construction work will include: supply and compaction of clay subgrade and primary liner materials; supply and installation of a primary and secondary flexible membrane liners, geocomposite drainage materials and geosynthetic clay liners; supply and installation of the leachate collection system including granular materials, primary and secondary piping, pumps and electrical systems. The Drain enclosure project will involve providing and installing a culvert, backfilling the area around the Drain, and constructing a perimeter road.

**Pre-bid Meeting:** A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Huron Monofill, located at 28200 South Huron Road, Flat Rock, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2002. This meeting is for Bidders to fully familiarize themselves with the existing Site conditions.

**Questions and Clarifications:** To maintain clear and impartial communication throughout the bidding process, the Owner will respond only to written questions or requests for clarification following the pre-bid meeting. Such questions and responses will be issued as addenda to all Bidders.

**Plans and Specifications:** The plans and specifications for the project will be available beginning Monday December 9, 2002 at the office of EMCON/OWT, Inc. 14155 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, phone: (734) 524-9610. A non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be assessed for each set of contract documents. Persons desiring that the plans be mailed shall also submit a valid express mail carrier (UPS®, FedEx®, or Airborne Express®) account number or the documents will be sent via US mail.

**Bid Bonds:** A certified check, cashiers check or an acceptable bid bond, executed by the Bidder and a surety company licensed in the State of Michigan, payable to the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid will be required with each proposal. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the proposals in order to allow for MDEQ design approvals and arrangements for project financing.

**Contractor Performance Bonds:** A contractor performance bond will also be required.

Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes marked with the name of the Bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower, front, left-hand corner "BID ENCLOSED - Huron Monofill Cell 4 Construction Project." Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time, January 6, 2002 at the offices of EMCON/OWT, Inc., 14155 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Any bids received after that time will not be accepted. The Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal and to waive informalities and irregularities in the bids received.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2002

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: King, Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of seven (7).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of November 18, 2002 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2002 with the following correction under Correspondence, page one, paragraph six, "owner could not located" should read "owner could not be located". Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Service awards were given to Loretta Speaks for ten years of service and Dennis Brooks for twenty years of service.

Supervisor King stated the township has received a statistical report from the recent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by Environment Quality Company.

A letter from Mejier Gas Station stating a commemorative holiday ornament remembering the events of September 11, 2001 will be sold with a portion (one dollar) of each sale going to the local fire department of the community in which the station is located.

The Michigan Park and Recreation Newsletter stated Director Ross received the Ethnic Minority Society Young Professional Award at the National Recreation and Parks Association Conference.

On December 14th the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct two public auctions of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The first public auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. at J & T Towing and Storage and upon completion the second public auction will be held at Great Lakes Towing and Storage.

Supervisor King stated the Township is in receipt of the 2003-2004 Wayne County Road Drain Program report.

Gene Taylor a member of the Belleville Police Department and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) organization spoke regarding the following programs: Tie one on-Red Ribbon, Click It or Ticket, and Toys for Tots. For further information call 734.721.8181.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the second reading to adopt Ordinance of 11-19-02 to delete sections of the Code of General Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan, Chapter 22-Businesses, Article III Dancers and Entertainers, Divisions 1 and 2. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Herman, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Jahr and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

\*(A synopsis of Ordinance 11-19-02 follows the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the reappointments of Anita Parsons, Cindy Perala and Tom Kryza to the Board of Review with

terms to expire December 31, 2004. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Treasurer's request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2002 winter taxes through Thursday, February 28, 2003. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to deny the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$250,000. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak. Nays: Payne, Budd and King. Absent and excused: Hart. Motion died for lack of support.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to accept the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the United States Department of Justice in a reduced amount of \$125,000 for one officer. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne and King. Nays: Budd, Herman, Jahr, Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Hart. Motion failed.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to withdraw the item to consider the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$250,000 and authorizing the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Budd, Jahr, Herman, Rochowiak and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the December 3, 2002 voucher list as amended. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Belleville tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Museum on Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

A prayer service at the Angel of Hope Monument located at Hillside Cemetery in the City of Belleville on Friday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce annual Holiday Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Jahr announced his father-in-law, James Callison, the areas oldest World War II veteran will have the honor of lighting the tree during the Belleville tree lighting ceremony.

The Belleville Area Museum is currently hosting the 'Festival of Trees'.

The Recreation Department will be holding the 19th annual 'Holiday Arts & Craft Show' on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and a 'Holiday Craft for Kids' on Saturday, December 21st. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

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## Obituaries

### RODERICK, Frances Maxine

Frances Maxine Roderick, 74, of Wayne died Nov. 10 in Romeo.

Mrs. Roderick was the widow of Thomas Lloyd Roderick.

Among her survivors are her children, Linda (Larry) Climie, Thomas (Wendy) Roderick, Goldie (James) Parker, Toni (Keith) Groenweouul, Loren (Cathy) Roderick, Shirley (Greg) Davidson, Mary (Trajche) Sekuloski, James (Jodi) Roderick; 26 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

### RUSNOCK, Josephine, E.

Josephine E. Rusnock, formerly of Wayne, died Nov. 27.

Mrs. Rusnock was the widow of Stephen Rusnock.

She is survived by her children, Carol (Bert) Rakotz, Shirley "Nancy" (Ron) McKague, Donald (Linda) Rusnock; four brothers; a sister; 14 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

### WALTERS, Donald Wayne

Donald Wayne Walters, 85, of Whitmore Lake died Nov. 24 in Ann Arbor.

Among his survivors are his wife, Dolores (Wakefield) Walters; chil-

dren Thomas L. (Debra) Walters of Brighton and Sheryl (Steven) Saginaw of Bloomfield Hills; a brother, Harry (Alma) Walters of Saline; a sister, Mildred (Robert) Timmeny of Fort Myers, FL, and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service was at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

### WELCH, Colby E.

Colby E. Welch, 46, of Wayne died Nov. 23 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Among his survivors are his sons, Jason E. and Benjamin E., both of Wayne; his mother, Dorothy Ann (Colby) Welch of FL; a sister, Roxann (Mike) Thorson of MS., and a grandson, Justin Welch.

Funeral services were at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Scott McNett officiating.

Interment was in Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

### POWELL, Sharlene Gail

Sharlene Gail Powell, 66, formerly of Belleville, died Nov. 28 at her Gladwin, MI residence.

Among her survivors are her granddaughter, Mandy Powell; brothers, Roy Walls and Jack (Sandra) Walls, all of Taylor; sisters, Jill Ries of Gladwin and Kathleen Walls of OR.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor John N. Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was in Michigan

Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

### SNYR, Dorothy Mae

Dorothy Mae Snyr, 76, died Nov. 29.

Among her survivors are her children, Chester (Mira) Snyr, Connie Arner, Cindy (Bob) Haurry, Carol (Ken) Barks, Christine Miller, Cheryl (Jeff) Baumann and John Snyr; a brother, Bob Evanski; seven grandsons, and five granddaughters.

Funeral services were at the Taylor Chapel of the Howe-Petersen Funeral Home.

Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

### SENNINGER, Lucille

Lucille Senninger of Wayne died Nov. 28.

Among her survivors are her husband, Gerald; children, Anne Lawe, Susan Willnus, John (Jean) Senninger; a brother; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was in Illinois.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

### MARCIC, Helen L.

Helen L. Marcic of Wayne died Dec. 3.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin; children Jerome Switch and Michelle Bolton; grandchildren Rachel, Craig, Stephanie, Jessica and Whitney; brother Donald and

York, and a sister, Jean.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with the Rev. York Ash officiating.

Entombment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

### HOLLIS, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Hollis, 54, of Westland, died Nov. 27.

Among her survivors are her husband, Dewey Hollis; two sons, Richard and Ryan; parents, Vivian and Glenn Riddle; a brother, Richard Wayne Peeler; and two stepbrothers, Kenneth and Roger Riddle.

Services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil Swanger officiating.

Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

### ROBINSON, Annie Lee

Annie Lee Robinson, 76, of Inkster died Oct. 29.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Johnnie; two nieces; four nephews, and an adopted sister, Rosetta.

Services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. W.W. David officiating. Interment was in Forestlawn Cemetery in Saginaw.

### COOPER, Michael

Michael Cooper, 24, of Inkster, died Oct. 31.

He is survived by his parents John and Shirley; brothers, Floyd Jr, Anthony, John III and Quennel, and sisters, Paris and Alexis.

Services were at the Greater

First Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. W.W. Goode and Pastor P.J. Jones officiating.

Arrangements were by the Penn Funeral Home.

### FICKLING, Mircle

Mircle A.R. Fickling, the 10-day-old child of Huey William and Renica Fickling, died Oct. 15.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

### WINFREY, Brian Corey

Brian Corey Winfrey, 27, of Inkster, died Oct. 26.

He is survived by his mother, Veronica; siblings, Clohe', Jermaine and Amber; his "other mother" Harlene; friends Tiffany and Evonne, and a son, Heavin.

Services were at the Romulus Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Hiram McBurrows officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

### MOTLEY, Odis L.

Odis L. Motley, 86, of Inkster, died Nov. 1.

He is survived by his children Henry, Denise, Barbara, Martess, Etta and Stanley; 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Elder Lee Williams, Sr. officiating.

Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park.

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Year: Senior

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**Coach's Comments:** "Sarah is the all league captain and has improved dramatically. She has taken on additional responsibilities leading the freshmen and showing them the way."



Name: Heather Updyke

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Year: Senior

Sport/Team/Event: Cheerleading

Coach: Rachel Teall

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High School: Romulus High School

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